

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative OfficersLetter No: ~~88-103~~

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SUBJECT: SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS DISCONTINUED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1989 (LYNCH v.
RANK (PICKLE) POTENTIAL ELIGIBLES)

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTERS 87-79, 88-03 and 88-23

The above referenced All County Welfare Directors (ACWD) letters describe the procedures counties should follow upon receipt of the 503 Leads File Report(s). The first 503 Leads File Report which contains the names and addresses of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who will be discontinued from SSI/SSP in January 1989 (due to the Title II (RSDI) cost of living increase) will be mailed to the Pickle Coordinator the first week in January 1989. Counties will receive another copy of this listing in February, March and April 1989. Additional names will not be added to the listings, however, the names of those individuals who have been reinstated on SSI/SSP, who have had their Pickle status updated or, who have been determined eligible for Medi-Cal as a Pickle eligible, will be deleted. Once all the names have been deleted, your county will no longer receive a listing.

The individuals listed on the 503 Leads File Report have been granted up to four months of continuing Medi-Cal eligibility (January through April 1989), pending a Pickle eligibility determination by the County Welfare Department (CWD). If Medi-Cal eligibility is established as a Pickle aid type, CWDs will submit updates to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS), to establish ongoing eligibility. Since these records have a future term date, an EW20 transaction must be submitted as an Inter Program Transfer (IPT). The Pickle status code will automatically be updated by these transactions.

However, if a beneficiary is determined to be currently ineligible for Medi-Cal benefits as a Pickle aid type, CWDs are required to submit an EW60 transaction, (Modify Pickle Status Information), to MEDS, to update the Pickle status to show the beneficiary is potentially Pickle eligible (Tickler file). Submission of this transaction will indicate that the county has contacted the beneficiary and that he/she is not eligible for Medi-Cal as a Pickle aid type at this time. In this instance only, the update of the Pickle status by an EW60 will cause renewal to terminate the beneficiary's Medi-Cal eligibility effective the end of that month. For persons not Pickle eligible who are found to be Aged, Blind, or Disabled Medically Needy eligible, normal reporting procedures are to be followed after the EW60 transaction.

The individuals listed on the 503 Leads File Report will receive a notice the first week in January 1989 (Attachment I) from the Department of Health